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For: **METHOD FOR MEASURING FORCES ACTED UPON TIRE AND APPARATUS
FOR MEASURING FORCES ACTED UPON TIRE**

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Title: TIRE ACTING FORCE MEASURING METHOD, AND TIRE
ACTING FORCE MEASURING DEVICE

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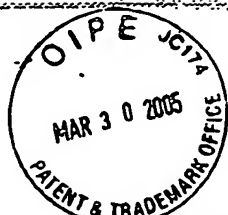
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
Int.Cl⁷ B60T8/58, B60R16/02, G01L5/16

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Int.Cl⁷ B60T7/12-7/22, B60T8/00, B60T8/32-8/96, B60R16/02,
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
Jitsuyo Shinan Koho 1922-1996 Toroku Jitsuyo Shinan Koho 1994-2003
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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y A	US 5895854 A (Thomas Becherer, Martin Fehrle), 20 April, 1999 (20.04.99), Fig. 1 & EP 849597 A & DE 19646251 A	1, 2, 7-18 3-5, 19
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Y A	EP 881468 A (STMICROELECTRONICS S.r.l.), 02 December, 1998 (02.12.98), Fig. 3 & JP 11-83418 A & IT 97840452 A	7, 9-18 19

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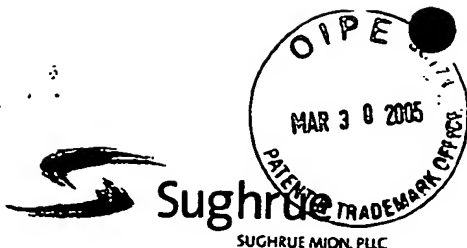
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Re: Application of Hiroshi SHIMA, Katsuhiko KOBAYASHI,
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"TIRE ACTING FORCE MEASURING METHOD, AND
TIRE ACTING FORCE MEASURING DEVICE"
Assignee: BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION
Our Reference: Q85366

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Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the subject application for the purpose of entering the National Stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☐ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ Thirty-seven (37) sheets of drawings illustrating Figs. 1, 2a, 2b, 3a, 3b, 4, 5, 6a, 6b, 7a, 7b, 8, 9a, 9b, 10-12, 13a, 13b, 14-16, 17a, 17b, 18, 19, 20a, 20b, 21-23, 24a, 24b, 25-27, 28a, 28b, 29, 30a, 30b, 30c, 30d, 31-36, 37a and 37b, plus two (2) replacement sheets for Figs. 29 and 35.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- ☐ a copy of the executed Assignment and Form PTO-1595.
- ☒ an Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR/IPER references.
- ☒ a copy of each reference cited in the ISR/IPER.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ It is expressly requested that National Stage processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §371(f).

Copies of the Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment documents will be submitted at a later date.

It is presumed that copies of the International Application, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by 35 U.S.C. §371(c) were supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if additional copies are required, the undersigned attorney will provide the same upon request.

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Total claims	<u>19</u>	-	20	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$50.00	=	<u>0</u>
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Priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2002-181,485	June 21, 2002
Japan	2002-294,904	October 8, 2002
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